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SUBJECT: MBFR:OPTION III: PARA 16 OF THE POSITION PAPER:

SPC MEETING NOVEMBER 20

1. AT SPC MEETING NOVEMBER 20, UK REP (BAILES) INTRODUCED A RE ARRANGED VERSION OF THE US PARA 16 OF THE POSITION PAPEON WHICH UK HAS DIVIDED INTO PARA 16 (STRUCTURE OF COMBINED COMMON CEILING) AND PARA 16 (BIS) (FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE). THE ONLY ESSENTIAL WAY IN WHICH THE UK DRAFT DIFFERS FROM TH US VERSION IS IN STATING THAT THE ALLIES " MAY ALSO WISH" TO PROPOSE A FLEXIBILITY MARGIN FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE UK TEXT. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID BELGIUM COULD NOT YET UNBRACKET PARA 16.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: INTIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24: AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE UK TEXT, WHICH APPEARS BELOW.

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3. BEGIN UK TEXT:

MBFR: OPTION III: " ADDITIONAL ASPECTS" PAPER:

SUGGESTED REDRAFT OF PARA 16

16. STRUCTURE OF COMBINED COMMON CEILING

TO MAINTAIN THE FOCUS ON GROUND FORCES WITHIN THE COMBINED COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON THE GROUND AND AIR FORCES OF EITHER SIDE, THE ALLIES AGREE THERE WOULD BE A NUMERICALLY EXPRESSED COLLECTIVE CEILING ON THE OVERALL GROUND FORCE MANPOWER OF EITHER SIDE. THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH EXPLICIT LIMITATION ON THE OVERALL AIR FORCE MANPOWER OF EITHER SIDE.

16 (BIS) FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE

AFTER ALL REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, EACH SIDE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO INCREASE ITS OVERALL GROUND FORCE MANPOWER BY A LIMITED AMOUNT WHICH WOULD BE NUMERICALLY EXPRESSED, PROVIDED THE TOTAL AIR AND GROUND FORCES FOR EITHER SIDE DID NOT EXCEED THE AGREED LEVEL OF THE COMBINED COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING. THE ALLIES CONSIDER THAT THE PERMITTED INCREASE IN THE OVERALL GROUND FORCE MANPOWER OF EITHER SIDE AFTER THE GROUND FORCE CEILING IS ATTAINED SHOULD NOT EXCEED 20,000 MEN AND THAT THIS FIGURE WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY FOR NATO FORCES UNDER A COMBINED AIR/ GROUND COMMON CEILING. A LIMITED INCREASE, WITHIN THE OVERALL COLLECTIVE FLEXIBILITY FIGURE OF A MAXIMUM OF 20,000 MEN, SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO US AND SOVIET FORCES FOLLOWING PHASE I REDUCTIONS. THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS WOULD BE AGREED WITH THE EAST WHEN DETAILS OF AN AGREEMENT WERE BEING FORMULATED. THE ALLIES MAY ALSO WISH, IN THE COURSE OF PHASE I NEGOTIATIONS, TO PROPOSE A FLEXIBILITY ALLOWANCE OF THE TYPE AND ORDER DESCRIBED ABOVE, TO BE APPLIED TO THE OVERALL GROUND FORCE MANPOWER OF EACH SIDE IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE PHASES (WITH SEPARATE US/SOVIET SUB-ALLOCATIONS). THERE WOULD BE NO LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF POSSIBLE TRANSFERS OF MANPOWER FROM GROUND FORCES TO AIR FORCES PROVIDED
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THE AIR/ GROUND COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING WAS NOT EXCEEDED.

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